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SUBJECT: GREEK GOVERNMENT STATEMENT CONDEMNING APRIL 21
INCIDENTS

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1. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT LATE
LAST NIGHT, APRIL 21, WHICH WAS CARRIED WIDELY ON RADIO/TV
AND FOLLOWING DAY IN GREEK PRESS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. (PRINCIPALLY FROM ATHENS NEWS AGENCY TRANSLATION):
THE INCIDENTS IN WHICH CERTAIN GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS TOOK PART DURING

THE GREAT DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP ARE
REGRETTABLE AND SHOULD BE FULLY CONDEMNED FROM EVERY POINT OF
VIEW. FIRST THEY SHOW THAT EXTREMIST AND SUSPICIOUS ELEMENTS
SUCCEEDED IN INFILTRATING THE YOUNG WHO CONSTITUTED THE GREAT
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MASS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AND THAT THESE ELEMENTS WERE ALSO

DETERMINED TO CAUSE VIOLENCE AND EVEN VICTIMS BY ANY MEANS. SECONDLY, THE INCIDENTS SHOW A TOTAL DISRESPECT NOT ONLY FOR THE LAW AND THE ORGANS OF PUBLIC ORDER, BUT ALSO AGAINST THE TRUE MEANING OF THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH WAS THE CONDEMNATION AND, OF COURSE, NOT THE JUSTIFICATION OF VIOLENCE--AS SOME HEROES OF THE INCIDENTS APPEARED TO PROFESS.

3. FINALLY (THESE INCIDENTS) SHOW AN INTENTION ON THE PART OF SOME FRANTIC ELEMENTS OR CONSCIOUS UNDERMINERS TO DAMAGE POPULAR LIBERTIES, A FACT WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE UNDER A DEMOCRATIC REGIME OF FULL FREEDOM; AS IS ALSO THE EFFORT TO SPOIL THE POPULAR JOY OF GETTING RID OF TYRANNY, DURING TODAY'S ANNIVERSARY OF THE HORRID COUP. THE INCIDENTS CAUSED BY ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE ABUSED THE DEMONSTRATION CONSTITUTED BOTH AN INSULT AND PROVOCATION AGAINST THE WHOLE PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY EVERYONE SHOULD CONDEMN THEM. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY NOW BY ALL TRUE DEMOCRATS, THAT THE GREEK PEOPLE, FROM THE DEPTHS OF ITS SOUL, HATES DICTATORSHIP; THEY EQUALLY ABHOR MOBOCRACY WHICH--AS THE PAST HAS SHOWN--LEADS WITH INEVITABLE PRECISION TO ANOMALY.

4. THE ATTEMPT TO SEIZE OR SET FIRE TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES, MOLESTING AND ATTACKING POLICEMEN OR EVEN FELLOW DEMONSTRATORS WHO WERE SHOWING SELF-CONTROL, AS WELL AS OTHER REGRETTABLE FACTS SUCH AS THE USE OF SHAMEFUL OR IDIOTIC SLOGANS, CERTAINLY FAIL TO SHOW DEMOCRATIC CONSCIENCE OR COURAGE. THEY INDICATE EXACTLY THE CONTRARY, NAMELY A FASCIST MENTALITY, AND AS SUCH SHOULD BE KNOCKED DOWN. IN NO CASE COULD THEY ORIGINATE FROM CITIZENS WHO HAVE INDEED FOUGHT AGAINST OR SUFFERED UNDER THE SEVEN-YEAR TYRANNY.

5. THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS ALREADY WARNED YOUTH NOT TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY NATURAL ENTHUSIASM, INTO THE ILLOGICAL AND DANGEROUS SPHERE OF IMPROPRIETY, IS DETERMINED TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC REGIME, AND THE PEACE OF THE CITIZENS AND YOUTH ITSELF. BUT IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERYONE FROM THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND THE PRESS DOWN TO THE LAST YOUNG MAN WHO REALLY CARES FOR HIS COUNTRY AND FREEDOM, TO COOPERATE IN THE FACE OF THE DANGER FROM MOB RULE WHICH, IF NOT NEUTRALIZED FROM THE VERY START, WOULD THREATEN FREEDOM WHICH THE GREEK PEOPLE HAVE ACQUIRED WITH SO MUCH PAIN AND

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